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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE
UNITED NATIONS RELATED TO ASSISTANCE TO THIRD STATES
AFFECTED BY THE APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS UNDER
CHAPTER VII OF THE CHARTER

Working paper submitted by Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica,
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Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Romania and Uruguay

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the imposition of sanctions against a State under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations may require the joint efforts of Member States to offer assistance to third States economically affected by the sanctions,

Recalling Article 49 of the Charter of the United Nations, which spells out the obligation of the Member States to join in affording mutual assistance in carrying out measures decided upon by the Security Council in conformity with Chapter VII of the Charter,

Recalling also Article 50 of the Charter, which entitles States which find themselves confronted with special economic problems as a result of the carrying out of preventive or enforcement measures taken by the Security Council against any other State, to consult the Security Council with regard to a solution of those problems,

Noting the recommendation of the Secretary-General in his report entitled "An Agenda for Peace" (A/47/277-S/24111) that the Security Council devise a set of measures involving the financial institutions and other components of the United Nations system that can be put in place to insulate States from such difficulties; such measures would be a matter of equity and a means of encouraging States to cooperate with decisions of the Council,

Noting also that the question of assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions has been addressed recently in several forums, including the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs and the Security Council,

Recognizing that third States are still confronted with adverse economic and social problems due to the imposition of sanctions under Chapter VII,

Recognizing also the need for an appropriate mechanism to address these institutional problems,

Decides to establish a fund to financially assist third States affected by the imposition of sanctions under Chapter VII, according to the following regulations:

1. Contributions to the fund shall be of two main kinds:
 - (a) A percentage of assessed contributions;
 - (b) A special account to be administered by the Secretary-General established for this purpose. Such account will be financed from voluntary contributions by Member States, and from funds available to international organizations both inside and outside the United Nations system, in particular the international financial institutions and the regional development banks, as well as non-governmental organizations and private interests;
2. Resources should be utilized to provide direct financial assistance as well as to finance technical cooperation programmes in support of the affected countries, in the context of Article 50;
3. All other types of support, including in-kind assistance and technical cooperation projects in these countries, are also welcome.
